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In re application of : Confirmation No. 2860
Shunichi SHIOZAWA et al. : Docket No. 2001_1298A
Serial No. 09/936,989 : Group Art Unit 1634
Filed October 30, 2001 : Examiner C. Myers

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS GENE AND METHOD
FOR DIAGNOSING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a one month extension of time to respond to the communication of
November 27, 2002.

The fee of \$110.00 is

(X) submitted herewith.

() to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is
enclosed.

() Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion
which

() is enclosed.

() has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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